

"1. That no Probationer or Minister belonging to any Church, not in communion with this Church, shall be received by any Presbytery, without examination of his Literary and Theological attainments, his reasons for joining this Church, and his views of its constitution and government, as well as ample certificates of his good standing in the body from which he comes.

"2. That no Probationer or Minister shall be taken on trials, to be received into this Church, until he has produced evidence satisfactory to the Presbytery, of his having gone through a course of education analagous to that required by this Church, and by the Church of Scotland.

"3. That every such Probationer or Minister shall reside at least one year within the bounds of the Synod after his being received, and be reported to the Synod by the Presbytery, before he can receive a call from any congregation in this Church; but he may, in the meantime, be employed as a Missionary, under the direction of the Presbytery.

"4. That the whole proceedings of each Presbytery in regard of receiving any such Probationer or Minister shall be read and approved in Synod, previous to his being ordained or inducted as a Minister of this Church.

"5. That before receiving any Probationer or Minister known to be under censure of any Church, in communion with this Church, Presbyteries shall correspond with such Church."

#### VI. ACT ANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE ELDERSHIP.

It shall be the duty of every Kirk-session to elect one of their number, being a *bona fide* acting elder of the congregation, to represent the Session in the Superior Courts for the year; and it shall be the duty of the Minister or any Ordained Minister of the Church acting by his authority, or, in the case of a vacancy, by the authority of the Presbytery, to call a meeting of Session for the purpose of such election on some convenient day within two months after the annual meeting of Synod; and it shall be the duty of the Elder elect to transmit or present his Commission to the Presbytery without delay, it being competent for any meeting of Presbytery to receive and sustain Elders' Commissions.

II. It shall be the duty of Presbyteries to ascertain that Kirk-sessions and Ministers perform their several duties in this respect, and take order, where from any cause an election has not taken place within the two months specified in this Act, that it be made with all convenient speed.

III. The Representative Elder shall in every case hold office till his successor is appointed, or till the expiry of the two months, whichever shall first happen.

IV. It shall be competent for Representative Elders to resign and for Sessions to appoint successors, whose Commission shall be valid when sustained by the Presbytery, or Synod, if no meeting of Presbytery intervene.

V. The Elders of a Charge consisting of more than one congregation shall constitute one Session for the purposes of this Act.

#### FORMS.

##### I. SESSION.

##### 1. *Edict for ordination of Elders.*

Messrs. A. B. &c. having been duly elected as elders in this congregation, it is hereby intimated that, if any of the members of this Church